



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: May 28, 2018

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: May 28, 2018

Time: 2:17 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: F/O 1220 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Zone: 4

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 180429320

Cruiser District: 50

Victim: Dante Aaron Goodman

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 25

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Michael Javon Merchant

Address: 630 Woodrow Avenue

43207

☐ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: O

Age: 26

Charges: Murder (2903.02A)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** On May 28, 2018, at approximately 2:17 a.m., Columbus Police officers were called to the area of 1220 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive male victim, later identified as Dante Aaron Goodman, lying on the side of the street suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 18 responded to the scene and pronounced Mr. Goodman deceased at 2:23 a.m.

Investigation revealed that the victim had been traveling in the same vehicle as the suspect, later identified as Michael Javon Merchant, when for an unknown reason, Mr. Merchant shot Mr. Goodman. Mr. Merchant then fled the scene and his whereabouts are unknown. Detectives have filed charges on Mr. Merchant for Murder and he should be considered "armed and dangerous". Citizens are reminded to call 911 immediately if he is spotted and to not approach for any reason.

The investigation continues.

This is the 47th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2018. Incident #180429320.

Detective Greg Stevens is the lead detective, assisted by Detective Todd Chapman.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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